

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Promote Policy and Program Coordination and Integration in Electric Utility Resource Planning.

Rulemaking 04-04-003
(Filed April 1, 2004)
QF Issues

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Promote Consistency in Methodology and Input Assumptions in Commission Applications of Short-Run and Long-Run Avoided Costs, Including Pricing for Qualifying Facilities.

Rulemaking 04-04-025
(Filed April 22, 2004)
QF Issues

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING
GRANTING MOTION TO DESIGNATE SPONSORING WITNESS**

The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) filed a Motion to Designate Sponsoring Witness on December 7, 2005. Attached to the Motion were the qualifications of Michael D. Dozier. CAISO explains that it submitted Opening Comments on June 14, 2005 in response to the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Modifying the schedule for Phase 2. According to the CAISO, since the primary purpose of the comments was to address how specific provisions of the Domenici-Barton Energy Policy Act of 2005 affect the status of Qualifying Facilities going forward and to build on earlier comments filed by the CAISO regarding whether QF sales to public utilities should be Regulatory Must-Take, issues which are substantially legal in nature, the CAISO elected to file comments instead of submitting testimony.

Based on comments by the Administrative Law Judges at the November 29, 2005 prehearing conference, and its belief that the issues raised in

the comments warrant full consideration by the Commission, the CAISO now requests permission to designate Michael D. Dozier as the sponsoring witness for its comments. The CAISO states that because the parties are aware of the CAISO comments and, in some cases, have submitted testimony in reply to the comments, the CAISO's designation of a sponsoring witness will not prejudice other parties. No opposition to the Motion has been filed.

The Motion should be granted. CAISO does not does not seek to expand the scope of this proceeding.

IT IS RULED that the California Independent System Operator's Motion to Designate Sponsoring Witness is granted.

Dated January 9, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CAROL BROWN
Carol Brown
Administrative Law Judge

/s/ JULIE HALLIGAN
Julie Halligan
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judges' Ruling Granting Motion to Designate Sponsoring Witness on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated January 9, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis

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